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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a First Submission Under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed concurrently herewith. The First Submission Under 37 CFR 1.129(a) and this Amendment are being filed in accordance with the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences' Decision on Rehearing dated 29 April 2004 (Paper No. 50) in Patent Interference No. 105,055. In that Decision, the Board concluded that transitional Rule 129(a) practice was a proper avenue for the consideration of the patentability of claim 50 which Applicants had proposed during the interference. See pages 4-7 of the Board's Decision on Rehearing. In addition to presenting new claim 50, Applicants are also presenting new claims 51-113 and are amending claims 34, 35, 38, 39 and 42-44 to accord with the Final Judgment entered in that interference.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (strikethrough).

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